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Action(s)/Date(s): RESPONSE TO  
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CONFIRMATION NO. 6116

371 FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 08/25/2006

### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/27/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/27/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/27/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/27/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

#### SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the response.*

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Rune Toennessen et al.

Serial No.: 10/550,703

I.A. Filed: 03/26/2004


For: System for Depth Control of a Marine  
Deflector

Examiner:

Group Art Unit:

Att'y Docket: 14.0234-PCT-US  
Customer No. 028116**RESPONSE NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS DATED 8/25/2006****And****PETITION PER 37 CFR 1.47(a)**Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION 37 C.F.R. 1.8	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 at 1-571-273-8300, on the date below:	
10/25/2006 Date	 Signature

This paper is submitted in response to the Notice of Missing Parts of Non-provisional Application, dated 8/25/2006. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct the \$130 surcharge as well as any other fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 that may be required for any reason, from WesternGeco's Deposit Account 50-1720/14.0234-PCT-US.

Remarks start on page 2, followed by a Petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.47(a), a supporting Declaration, and declaration and assignment by the available joint inventors.

Serial No. 10/448,904

REMARKSMissing Parts

Applicants have received a Notice of Missing Parts of Non-provisional Application, dated 8/25/2006. Three (3) of the six (6) joint inventors have signed the attached declaration. The signature blocks of the remaining three (3) unavailable inventors are left blank to be treated as having been signed by all the available joint inventors on behalf of the nonsigning inventors. See MPEP 409.03(a), Rev 5., August 2006.

Petition

The Assignee of the whole interest of the present invention, WesternGeco LLC, petitions that the current application be accepted.

After diligent effort, as indicated by the declaration of Ms. Rebecca Tanis, the IP Administrator of the Assignee, three of the inventors, cannot be reached or refused to execute the application papers.

Mr. Emmanuel Keskes' last known address is at 38 Rue Marcel Dassault, Boulogne, FR 92100. The application papers sent to this address was returned.

Mr. Valid Moosavi's last known address is at Ringsveien 13-B, 1368 Stabekk, Norway. The application papers sent to this address was returned.

Mr. Philippe Saint-Pere's last known address is at 1, Liue Dit Calblanc, 33480 Castelnau de Medoc, FR. The application papers were delivered to Mr. Saint-Pere, but he never returned the signed papers back as requested.

Mr. Keskes is obligated to assign his interest in the present invention to the Assignee pursuant to an agreement "Confidentiality Information and Invention Agreement," dated 14 April 1997, Section 6, Assignment of Inventions. See the attached.


Mr. Moosavi has assigned his interest in the present invention to the Assignee pursuant to the signed assignment. *See attached.*

Applicants respectively submit that to protect and preserve the rights of the assignee, the signed inventors and the unsigned inventors, the current application should be accepted. Applications further submit that the current application is complete and ready for examination. Its allowance is respectively requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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